



OF Dog Attacks

When approaching or being approached by an unknown dog, remember that Fido can go from THIS  TO  in just seconds.

Read further to learn how to Escape from or Prevent Dog Attacks

- **Leave stray dogs alone.** No matter how cuddly they look, these dogs are hungry and may only see you as a walking pork chop.
- **DO NOT run away from a dog.** The dog may see this as a sign of weakness and make him want to show you who the toughest.
- **Stay still and try not to look directly at the dog.** Looking a dog in the eyes might make the dog think you are challenging him or you're up for a fight.
- **Do not struggle with the dog.** If a dog has a hold of your arm or leg and you try pulling it away, it will trigger a tugging reflex in the dog. He will pull even harder and start shaking his head from side to side increasing any injury you receive. Also, if the dog has a part of you in his mouth, this might be a good time for you to try and convince him to stop by inserting something (like your finger) in his eye with your free hand. It is harder for a dog to attack you when it can't see you.
- **Protect your head and throat.** You can live with an injured hand or foot, but it's much more difficult if you're missing a chunk of your neck.

Germany's Dangerous Dog Ordinance.

Numerous states in Germany have developed and implemented ordinances regarding the ownership of dangerous dogs. Any breed of dog may be considered dangerous if the animal, is abnormally aggressive, vicious, quick to attack, bites or aggressively jumps on a person, bites or injures other animals without provocation, or shows a tendency to harass people or other animals.

Throughout Germany, depending on where you live, there are currently 12 breeds of dog that fall under the German Dangerous Dog Ordinance. Dog owner are required to register all animals with the local Veterinary Treatment Facility(VTF). Ask your VTF if your dog is affected by this ordinance.

If you find yourself thinking about confronting a dog that may be ready to confront you, remember that most dogs are built to attack. Most people are not.

Score: DOG – 1, HUMAN - 0



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